IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.(Original) Method for recording information on a record carrier in response to a format command or a close track session command comprising the steps of

- receiving a format command or a close track session command
- writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command

characterized in that if a write error occurs in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information the write error is ignored.

2. (Original) Method as claimed in claim 1,
characterized in that when the write error is ignored no error is reported

3. (Currently Amended) Method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~,
characterized in that the data block comprising unused information is comprised in a lead-in or a lead-out.

4.(Original) Method as claimed in claim 3,
charecterized in that the unused information is a reserved block.

5. (Currently Amended) Method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~,
charecterized in that the unused information is comprised in a data area and that the unused information comprises a data block filled with all zeros

6. (Currently Amended) Method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~,
characterized in that the record carrier is a write once record carrier and the unused information is not comprised in an inner-disc count zone, or in a recorded area indicator, or in a control data block,

or in a table of contents, or in a SDBC, or in a session control data or an outer disc administration zone

7. (Currently Amended) Method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~,
characterized in that the record carrier is a rewriteable record carrier and the unused information is not comprised in an inner disc identification zone or in a control data zone or in an outer disc identification zone.

8. (Original) Recorder for recording information on a record carrier in response to a format command or a close track session command comprising a processor coupled to an interface for receiving a format command or a close track session command through the interface and coupled to writing means for writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command
characterized in that the processor is operative to ignore an error when an error occurs while writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information.

9. (Original) Recorder as claimed in claim 8,
characterized in that when an error is ignored the processor is operative to suppress an error report

10. (Currently Amended) Recorder as claimed in claim 8 ~~or 9~~,
characterized in that the data block comprising unused information is comprised in a lead-in or a lead-out.

11. (Original) Recorder as claimed in claim 10,
charecterized in that the unused information is a reserved block.

12. (Currently Amended) Recorder as claimed in claim 8 ~~or 9~~,
charecterized in that the unused information is comprised in a data area and that the unused information comprises a data block filled with all zeros

13.(Currently Amended) Recorder as claimed in claim 8 ~~or 9~~, characterized in that the record carrier is a write once record carrier and the unused information is not comprised in an inner-disc count zone, or in a recorded area indicator, or in a control data block, or in a table of contents, or in a SDBC, or in a session control data or an outer disc administration zone

14.(Currently amended) Recorder as claimed in claim 8 ~~or 9~~, characterized in that the record carrier is a rewriteable record carrier and the unused information is not comprised in an inner disc identification zone or in a control data zone or in an outer disc identification zone.